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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2013-006023

Dear Mr. Welti:

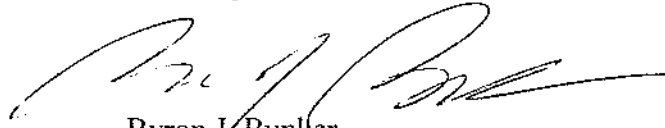
This letter is in response to your May 1, 2013 request for information related to EPA's Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) program. You are seeking information from the RFS program, for various compliance years, including quarterly Renewable Identification Number (RIN) activity reports, annual compliance reports, a detailed accounting of (RIN) ownership, and details of RIN generation, retirement and carry-over.

We are initially denying your request for this information. The quarterly RIN activity reports, annual compliance reports, and RFS fuel production and RIN transaction information, including generation, transfer and use, is claimed Confidential Business Information (CBI) and is withheld under exemption 4 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)). With regard to the CBI nature of this data, no determination has been made at this time. Each affected company would need to be contacted and provided an opportunity to substantiate their claim.

Please note that we do have aggregated RFS data posted on our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/rfsdata/index.htm>. On this site you will find summaries by compliance year including a variety of tables related to RIN generation and for available RINs. The available RINs table shows number of RINs retired and looking at prior year's data such as 2012 shows total RINs available for carry-over into 2013. This data is updated monthly and we expect to add additional aggregated data on RIN retirements in the coming months. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, records, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460, Fax: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). The appeal must be made in writing, and

it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the request number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Byron J. Bunker", written over the typed name.

Byron J. Bunker  
Director  
Compliance Division

Attachment